

1 **ABSTRACT**

2 Systems and methods are described for managing annotations in pen-based
3 computing systems. The systems and methods described herein provide ways to
4 collect, manage, search and share personal information entered by way of
5 handwritten annotations. Annotations are used to drive applications, serve as
6 gestures, find related information and to further manage information. Context
7 information is obtained when a user enters an annotation, and is used to assist in
8 determining and locating relevant content in which the user may be interested,
9 whether in the same document or a different document located on a local computer
10 or on the Internet or other network.